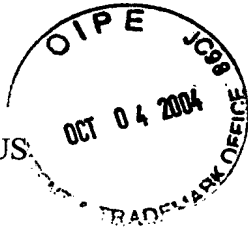


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/940,589 :
FILED: AUGUST 29, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2621
FOR: IMAGE-READING DEVICE :
PERFORMING A WHITE-SHADING
CORRECTION BY OBTAINING A PEAK
VALUE OF AVERAGE VALUES OF
IMAGE DATA READ FROM A
REFERENCE-WHITE MEMBER IN
BLOCKS AS WHITE-SHADING DATA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.